

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic resin composition,

~~comprising~~consisting essentially of:

a thermoplastic resin (A) having a moisture vapor permeability of $1.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{cm/}(\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec} \cdot \text{Pa})$ or lower;

at least one kind of unvulcanized rubber (B) selected from the group consisting of a halogenated isooolefin/para-alkylstyrene copolymer and an ethylene propylene rubber;[[and]]

a moisture absorbent (C),~~wherein:~~ and

at least one selected from the group consisting of a barrier resin, a liquid rubber, an inorganic filler, a tackifier, an age inhibitor, a heat stabilizer, an antioxidant, a softening agent, a processing aid, an inorganic pigment, and an organic pigment,

wherein the weight ratio of the thermoplastic resin (A) to the unvulcanized rubber (B) is 85/15 to 15/85; and

the content of the moisture absorbent (C) is 10 to 70 parts by weight to 100 parts by weight of the total of the thermoplastic resin (A) and the unvulcanized rubber (B).

2. (Original) The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin (A) comprises at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a low density polyethylene (LDPE) and a linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) An insulating glass unit comprising a spacer made of the thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1.
5. (Previously Presented) An insulating glass unit comprising a spacer which is made of the thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 and which also serves as a sealant.
6. (Previously Presented) An insulating glass unit, comprising:
 - a spacer which is made of the thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 and which also serves as a sealant; and
 - adhesive layers which are arranged between the thermoplastic resin composition and glass.
7. (Original) The insulating glass unit according to claim 4 or 6, further comprising a secondary seal.
8. (Original) The insulating glass unit according to claim 4, comprising:
 - two glass plates opposed to each other; and
 - the spacer arranged between the two glass plates,
 - wherein an air layer is formed by the two glass plates and the spacer.
9. (Original) The insulating glass unit according to claim 8, wherein a gap formed by an outer peripheral surface of the spacer and inner surfaces of peripheral portions of the two glass plates is sealed with a secondary sealant.
10. (Previously Presented) The insulating glass unit according to claim 5, comprising:
 - two glass plates opposed to each other; and
 - the spacer arranged between the two glass plates, wherein:

an air layer is formed by the two glass plates and the spacer; and the spacer maintains a distance between the two glass plates at a predetermined value and also serves to seal the air layer from outside air.

11. (Previously Presented) The insulating glass unit according to claim 6, comprising:

two glass plates opposed to each other;
the spacer arranged between the two glass plates; and
the adhesive layers arranged between the glass plates and the spacer, wherein:
an air layer is formed by the two glass plates, the spacer, and the adhesive layers; and

the spacer maintains a distance between the two glass plates at a predetermined value and also serves to seal the air layer from outside air.

12. (Previously Presented) The insulating glass unit according to claim 11, wherein a gap formed by an outer peripheral surface of the spacer, the adhesive layers, and inner surfaces of peripheral portions of the two glass plates is sealed with a secondary sealant.

13. (New) A method of preparing a thermoplastic resin composition comprising the steps of:

pelletizing to a pellet a thermoplastic resin composition comprising a thermoplastic resin (A) having a moisture vapor permeability of $1.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{cm/}(\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec} \cdot \text{Pa})$ or lower;

at least one kind of unvulcanized rubber (B) selected from the group consisting of a halogenated isoolefin/para-alkylstyrene copolymer and an ethylene propylene rubber; and

a moisture absorbent (C); and

molding the pelletized pellet into a spacer or sealant of an insulating glass unit.